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RE: WT 03-187

To Whom It May Concern:

Research has shown that night-migrating songbirds are, like moths to a flame, attracted to communications tower lights, particularly during bad weather, become disorientated and circle continually around the towers until they collide with the guy wires, the tower structure, each other, or plummet to the ground from exhaustion. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conservatively estimates that four to five million birds may die each year in this manner but that the number could be much higher - up to 40 to 50 million. In one instance, more than 10,000 dead birds were found under a single communication tower in one night.

I agree that the FCC should require medium intensity white or red strobe lights instead of red continuous or slow-pulsing "obstruction" lighting systems for any newly constructed or modified communication tower. Action must also be taken regarding the lighting of existing towers, such that these lights are replaced with medium intensity white or red strobe lights. Without taking this additional action for existing towers, the current estimate of bird kills will not decrease. Please do your part and take these simple actions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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